

Remarks

The present RCE is to request further examination for the above-referenced case, in response to the Final action mailed on December 13, 2005. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on June 08, 2006, along with a Petition for Extension of time and appropriate fees, which extends the time for response to August 08, 2006.

The applicant has cancelled the standing claims and has added 28 new claims 29-56 for consideration. The new claims present the essential subject matter of the invention, and are coextensive with the canceled claims, but present the subject matter in a way that more clearly distinguishes over the art provided by the Examiner.

An essential issue in the examination is the limitation in new claim 36 that recites that the processor *automatically* associates the call placed in the network other than the network from which a first call is received, with the call received. This is not taught in the art provided by the Examiner, and this issue has not yet, in all of the actions and responses in this case, been adequately dealt with. In the art cited and applied the caller is requested to provide the forwarding identification, the bridge does not do so.

The applicant has provided a set of claims with an independent apparatus and method claim (29 and 36 respectively) wherein the automatic limitation is recited. These claims are patentable over the art cited and applied, because the art does NOT teach this automatic feature. Claims 30-35 and 37-42 depended from these claims are patentable at least as depended from a patentable claim.

The applicant has also provided a set of claims with an independent apparatus and method claim (43 and 50 respectively) wherein a limitation of routing the received call on the opposite network, that being the network other than the network upon which the first call is received. These claims are patentable over the art cited and applied, because the art does NOT teach this routing feature. Claims 44-49 and 51-56 depended from these claims are patentable at least as depended from a patentable claim.

The applicant is confident that the art cited and applied does not teach the

patentable features of these claims, and therefore solicits allowance, and that the case be passed quickly to issue.

If there are any extensions of time required beyond any extension specifically petitioned and paid with this response, such extensions are hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid by check with this response, authorization is given to deduct such fees from deposit account 50-0534.

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